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Honoured S^r To W^m.^{Wid^r} Hopkinson

Bartlet Buildings

15. Aug. 1728.

I was last week to wait on you to
tell you that M^r. Chamberlayne is very uneasy at
y^r. delay of paying ~~both~~ Principal & Interest of
the 100. l. you have so long since borrow'd, and
for which she is oblig'd annually to pay Interest
her self: ~~and~~ Down to you I am at a loss how
to excuse your delay of exenting ~~so much~~
the Bonds you promised so long ~~ago~~ ^{and} should
be done, ~~and~~ so reasonable for her to desire
as a security in case of y^r. Mortality; and if
you make a difficulty of complying with this
which takes so much from you
~~which~~ what can she expect of all y^r. ^{former} Promises
~~so often repeated.~~

I beg of you to consider with how much
frankness the money was lent ^{as to a friend of Honour} to you, her
Case as a widone not ~~able~~ to bear the Delay
of it, & how much y^r. own honour suffers
by putting her off with fair promises without
the least
~~not one~~ performance of them.

I have been at no small charge for Messengers
and Coachmen on this affair which I hope you
will consider

with confider can be no pleafure to me, while they
are ~~all~~ in vain. I am now remov'd from my
Chamber in the Temple to this place where
I fhall be glad to fee you, or at any other
Let me know what.

St. J. most humble Serv^t

To M^{rs}. Hon^{ble} the
Lady Torrington at Bath

Madam

Madam W. Duane being come to Town
I this afternoon obey'd y^r. Ladyship's commands
to wait on him, and when I told him the
Story, and shew'd him y^r. Ladyship's Letter
he told us that he had long design'd to make
the Marquis a present but could not tell how
to do it ~~without~~ ^{without} affronting him, but now
y^r. Ladyship had shewn him the way he
would ~~be a contributor~~ do it immediately and
stepping out of the room he went & fetch'd

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I paid it to me; I told him as ~~Honour~~ Ladislaw
was the occasion of his Charity I supposed he
wants that I should pay it to y^r. Ladislaw
~~as this~~ to be applied as other contributions in favour
of the Marquis to which he answered, that
as he had sometimes mind intended such a
token of his ^{respect} ~~kindness~~ to the Marquis when
an opportunity should present, so he desired it
might be paid to him the first time I ~~the~~
~~saw~~ him, ~~therefore~~ but that I might ac=
quaint y^r. Ladislaw with it, & thereupon
call'd for a glass of wine to drink y^r.
health, and at the same time he desired
me to signify to y^r. Ladislaw that he
would not be understood ^{by this token of his respect} to be a subscriber
for an Annual contribution of the life or
any other Sum, but rather hop'd the
Marquis by such friends as y^r. Ladislaw
would get into some business so as not to
want it. I thank y^r. Ladislaw for the
pleasure I have had in obeying your
orders

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order upon this occasion, and hope it may
be a prelude ^{to} some other kindness which
Providence may open a door for to let him
come more upon his legs. My L^d. Townshend
fear always gives him good words when
he sees him ^{but} ~~and~~ if y^r. Ladiship would conde=
=scend to solicit where y^r. interest is so power=
=ful, those words I'm persuaded would soon
become effectual to ^{make} ~~give~~ him a Comⁿ. in
^{one} ~~some~~ of the lesser branches of the Revenue of
the Crown or at least an Equerry in the
Kings Stables or something that would be
read to him, ~~with~~ ^{with} set and ease y^r. Ladiship
~~& his relations~~ of the position he is now ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ
you. ^{I was at} ~~I went~~ to S^t. Albans the week before
last where ^{I saw} the 3. little youths who are all very
well & send their Duty to your Ladiship, as ~~has~~
W^m. Fothergill did his humble Service. I am

Madam y^r. Ladiship
most obed^t. humble
Serv^t.

Bartlett, Building (5)
22. Dec. 1769.

I have known about Ten Months, and by the Certificate he has to shew, he is the Son of a Gent. ^{in Roy} In Maifon ^{embraining the Protestants} Louis the 14th and came hither for the sake of Religion. He is in great want and would accept of any Service for his Bread

I would accept of any service for his Bread
but as his father was a Gent. to Louis the 14th. he
would be glad to be excused wearing a livery
if you have not provided y^r. self wth all
the Returns you will have occasion for, & delayed
perhaps you may be disposed to entertain ^{re}
him: When he came first to Eng^d. he ap- ^{pears to}

Wear'd like a Page to some Nobleman
but since that he has been oblig'd to
sell his fine Coach for Subintend.

The ~~fact~~ has given so much proof of his sincerity that I cannot doubt of it, and

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and therefore I have return'd to recomend
him to y^r. Excellency in hopes he may be
a usefull Serv^t. if ym have occasion for him.

I hope y^r. Serv^t. has inform'd you that
I have call'd tri'd at y^r. ^{new} Lodgings to pay
my respects to you being

Iⁿ y^r. most obed^t. humble

To the Hon^{ble}

W^t. Resident Hogman

in y^r. Buildings

11. June. 1730.

Hon^{ble} S^r. I acquainted W^t. Cham-
berlayne with y^r. proposal for paying ~~the~~
the 100. l. & interest ~~at~~ Dec^r. next and giving
Bond to assign the Rent of y^r. House in Parsons
Green if it was not then paid. I have pre-
~~pared a Bond condition~~ she woud have been
glad if you could have paid ^{the interest} ~~that~~ now & the
rest then, being very much straiten'd ^{for} ~~for~~ ^{some} ~~at~~
~~want of money~~ to defray ^{the} charge she ~~would~~ ^{at} it
~~but~~ but if that be not to be done she must wait
your convenience, and in the mean time I have
^{been sent} ~~prepared~~ a condition of a Bond for y^r. approba-
tion before it is engrosed desiring you to fill up
the

the Blanket with such a Description of the
House and Garden as may be proper, and
to insert y^r. own title ^{as President &c.} for the 100. l.

I took the liberty to y^r. Note is dated
27th April 1722. and payable the 1st of June following
which to the 1st Cur^t. is 8. Year and to the
1st of Dec^r. next $\frac{1}{2}$ a Year more, so that the
Interest at 5. % Cent. ^{according to what} for that time, which she
has ~~yearly~~ paid to the Dean & Chapter of
Westminster will ~~amount~~ at Dec^r. next amount
to 42:10:- and the Principal added to it
will make 142:10:-.

I took the liberty to tell her that as she
had paid for engraving the 2. former Bonds
which were never executed you would
save her the charge of this, and by y^r.
punctuality ^{in Decem^r. next} ~~she~~ after make amend for all disap-
pointment. hitherto, I shall be glad to re-
ceive y^r. answer by the Bearer and to

having never had the small box in delivery to get out of town as things
were to be done, I hope that made a great deal of work on the way to
whom she desires may be made for fear of the small box which she has
accepted as well as the y^r. set of
her humble service and
S^r. y^r. most humble Serv^t.
H. H.

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To Mr. Relid^t. Hoppmann
Hond^t.

13. June. 1730

I shall take the first opportunity
to aeq^t. Mr. Chamberlayne with y^r. Ans^r.
ab^t. the Bond &c.⁹ and wish you had
enabled me to propose the payment of
some part of the Interest now, since you
cannot make the assignm^t. propos^d.

I am y^r. v. obed^t. Serv^t. Amb. Fr.

To Mr. Chamberlayne.
at Mr. Watkins's a Tobacconist
in Channel Row
Westminster

Bartlett's Buildings
18 June. 1730.

The Rain last Monday & Yesterday prevented
my waiting on you either of those Days, but it did not hinder me
from going to Chelsea in the Stage where I told Dr King the Story of
Mr Waingett, and endeavour'd to find out how your house comes to be
the tenth, at present when in the Old Deeds it was the 5th. the present
Enumeration of your Neighbours being as follows.

Mr Street next the Stable Yard	1.
Mr Pals	2.
Mr Bruce	3.
Mr Dawson	4.
Mrs Ray	5.
Mr Cook	6.
Mr Broome	7.
Mr Lyons	8.
Dr King	9.
Mr Chamberlayne	10.

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Dr King can't at present explain how the different Numerations happen, but suspects Mr Street's House was built since the Computation which makes your house the 9th of which he will inform himself by some old Inhabitants, tho' it is a very frivolous Objection not worth removing, yet since Mr M. lays so much stress upon it that he would revive his Bargain, I was willing to give him that Satisfaction.

In the mean time I have taken Liberty to desire Dr King to employ his Gardener one Day in putting yours into Order, which is all over run with high Weeds that when you stand at the House you can hardly see the Alcove, and the Grass growing up in many places of the Gravel Walk which makes it look to any Purchaser or Tenant. There is a Fresh Bill up, and I have desired the Dr. to let the loose Bricks over the Street Door be fasten'd by one of his Workmen which he promise shall be done. He began to pull his house down last Monday & would have been glad to have been your Tenant, while it was rebuilding, if Mr Maingott had discovered his inclination sooner, and as he intends to make it like the next house, which seems a fine Fabrick, it will serve not a little to recommend yours.

I suppose Mr Kopp. is at Windsor as a Foreign Min^r. but when he returns I'll wait on him about your Affair the first opportunity. I am

Madam
Your most humble
Serv^t
Henry Newman.

To the Rev^d
Mr Arch Deacon Denne
at Bromley House
in Kent

Partlets Buildings
25 June 1730.

Sir

At the desire of J^r John Jensen I give you the trouble of this by the Rev^d Mr H^m Laughrane, to acquaint you that after being educated in University Coll. Oxford, he has obtained Deacons Orders from the Bp of S^t Davids to qualify himself for a Chaplainship on the Barrick in Admiral Kenes's Squadron from which Service being returned with Testimonials of his good Behaviour in all those Nations, he is advis'd to stand a Candidate for a Curacy in the Church of Thatchwell, but can't it seems offer himself without Priest's Orders, He would have apply'd himself to the Bp of S^t Davids for

for those Orders but his L^{ship} being in the Country, he is oblig'd to request the
favour of some Bp near London in hopes that the Expence & Delay of a Journey
into Gloucestersh. might be sav'd to him. This Favour is what I am therefore
desir'd to recommend him to you for, in hopes that when you have examined his
Testimonials and are satisfy'd in his Character & Merit you may be pleas'd to
recommend him to my Lord Bp of Rochester, for Priests Orders, and your good
Office for obtaining that favour of his L^{ship} will be esteem'd as an Obligation
upon him.

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

P.S.

I rec'd your Letter of the
20. Inst. and communicated it to the
Committee who thank you for it, in hopes of
seeing you next Tuesday to confer about that
and other Things.

H.C.S.

To the Wth Hon^{ble} the
Lady Torrington

Bart. Building,
25. June. 1730.

Madam

In obedience to y^r. Ladiships
order I wrote to S^r. Thos. Lawther when at Bath, & he
answer'd that at his return he would pay me 20. l. for the
~~to be paid to y^r. Ladiship~~ on acct. of the ~~Marquis~~ ^{Marquis}
but now he desires not to acq. y^r. Ladiship
that being disappointed of receiving a considerable Bill
from Mr. Faulkner a Banker lately fail'd he is oblig'd to
~~the payment of~~ ^{little} defer it for a while; S^r. Thos. is just now gone to Cambridge
to ~~bring his water~~ ^{to bring his water} there
~~not~~ expecting to return in 14. d. or 3. weeks. I am
To Mr. Pawlet Secy to the Bp of London. Madam y^r. Ladiships

Post Script. ~~of a letter to Mr. Pawlet the Bp of London's story~~ dated 16. April 1730.

Poor Mr. Taaffe will be left in the lurch unless you can find some expedient to
help him he has been paid hitherto at the rate of 6. p. Diem which is 4. 12. 6. for 1/2 year
but Capt. Dequillion tells me that out of the last 1/2 yearly distribution there is only
£2. 15. reserv'd for him and that he can have no more for the future than after that
rate of 5. 10. p. Ann. paid when the Treasury please to order it whereas this man must
starve if it be not weekly or monthly advanced to him.

To Tobias Burchett Esq.
at the Admiralty

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Bartlett's Buildings
20. July. 1730.

S^r. Mr. Potterton the Beaver tells
me she was ~~introduced~~ through y^r. goodness ~~and~~ re-
-commended ~~by~~ ~~her~~ to the L^d. of the Admiralty & in-
-troduced some time since for a Nurse in Greenwich
Hospital, upon the merit of her Husband's Service
~~well~~ between 30 & 40. Year in the Navy. If there be ~~any~~
proper occasion ~~for~~ her Service, pray ~~don't~~ be ~~so~~ ~~kind~~ ~~as~~ ~~to~~ ~~send~~ ~~her~~ ~~to~~
~~the poor Woman~~ ~~and~~ ~~kind~~ ~~wait~~ ~~on~~ ~~you~~ ~~for~~ ~~it~~
~~her Service~~, and in ~~plac~~^{ing} accepting her I dare
say she will soon ~~by~~ recommend her self by her
industry, and ~~you~~ ~~will~~ by granting her request
you will lay a particular obligation on

To Arnold Esq.

Under Secy. of War.

Sir

Bartlett's Buildings

3 August 1730.

I have been 3 or 4 times at your Office without the happiness
of meeting you to beg your advice how I may prevent Lieut. John Jackson
the oldest Lieut in Col. Fildings Regiment at Portsmouth from being made
youngest in a Marching Regiment. or at best degraded very much from what
he is, which is a Hardship that I hope Mr. Wm. Thickland will never consent to,
when it is known that he has been twenty Year in the Service to rise to what
he is, and does not enjoy a great degree of health so as to be capable of fatigue,
but to put him 30 Years backward in another Regiment among Strangers out
of one where he is so well belov'd would kill him out right.

I am

I am sorry that I cannot wait upon you to morrow which Sunday
 is a W^m publick day at the Office, being oblig'd every Tuesday ~~to attend~~
 in the year to attend at another Place, and I would not trouble you with
 a Memorial till I could be inform'd from you that it was necessary: If
 this finds you at the Office I shall be glad to know by the Bearer whether
 a Memorial be necessary, that I may put Mr Jackson out of Pain, wth
 he writes to me earnestly for, and will thereby oblige

Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servant

R. C.

To Mr Chamberlayne
 at Knighton

Madam. Isle of Wight

You may well think me negligent of your Business by my
 long silence; the true reason of w^{ch} has been the want of something worth
 writing to you. The pulling down and rebuilding the back Part of Dr
 Kings house oblig'd 'em to take off the roof of the Wash house in
 order to erect their Scaffolds which fill'd the back yard with Rubbish,
 and would have fill'd the house with dirt if the Windows and
 doors had not been constantly shut, so that I was ashamed any
 Body should see the house in the pickle it was, and sorry I
 advertis'd it, tho' it brought to me 2 Customers to enquire about
 it, but having seen it they came no more: as to Mr Lloyd (I think
 his Name was) that you left me in treaty with after 2 or 3
 Meetings at Taverns and a formal Survey of the Condition of the
 House by a Workman of his own for I told him I would not
 put you to the Expence of it, he and his Attorney told me gravely
 they would give 25 Years purchase for the Ground the House
 stood on, but the House they could consider only as old Rubbish
 to be made use of in rebuilding it. I ask'd 'em what they comput'd
 the

the Ground at one year to be at, they told me about 3 or 4 £ ⁽¹³⁾ & what the materials of the house supposing it to be requisite to rebuild it, they told me they reckoned the Ground at 100 £ and the House at 20 £ and that they were generous Chaps at that Price; upon which I paid my reckoning and left 'em, and have not heard from 'em since.

I have now spoke to Mr Rogers the Broker for buying and selling and letting old houses, but desired him not to send any body to see it till the washhouse was roofd and all in order of which I would acquaint him. They promised it should be all in order a week ago, but if I go to see it, I know I should have abundance occasion to scold at em and therefore have given 'em till this week is out.

I wonder Dr King would go into the Country as a Jurist
when such an affair was on his hands for which reason they have
been 3 times as long about the back part as the front. as to
the party gutter I told the Wakmen I could say nothing to it
and that I believed Dr King would think himself oblig'd to be
at all the Expence of repairing it, to Ballance these bad tidings
I am glad to tell you that Mr Resident has executed a Bond to
pay you 142 £. 10, S. in Dec^r next I hope the Ladies ~~and~~
at Knighton are well to whom I give my humble Service
and to assure you that I am

44 To Mrs Chamberlayne,

at Knighton, Isle of Wight, Hampshire,

Bartholomew Buildings,
26. Sept. 1730.

Madam!

Dr King being return'd last Thursday Night, out of the County, I went yesterday to see the Condition of your house, and am glad to tell you they have rebuilt of Washhouse, mended the street Door, and cut a Window, to the Hair Case, which gives it a good air, & Light; Just before I came there General. Wethams Sister, a Maiden, Lady, came in a Chariot from Turnham Green, to see the house, and having view'd it from top to Bottom, is inclin'd to take it for a Year, from Xmas next, on Condition I will put it in good Repair, The Repair she insists on, is painting & whitewashing the 2 ground Rooms, & pulling down Dutch Tiles, & stone facing to both the Chimneys, and mending the Garret Floor; I am in hopes to be 2 years painting, because the Season of the Year, for doing it is so A, when I wait upon her, which I hope to do some day next Week, if I can go and come in a Day, she made no Difficulty offering 100^l of Annam, tho she remembred her Aunt Downes paid but 16^l. but the new Alceve, new Washhouse, and other conveniences, made her think the Rent was not unreasonable, and if she likes it after a Years tryal, she will buy it. Upon these Encouragements, I have desired Miss King who is her Acquaintance to let her know immediately by a letter, that every thing shall be done of repairs, that she can reasonably desire, as soon

as I know her Resolution, to come into the house, and what she
insists on, of Repairs, by a Letter, from herself, before, I put
you, to any Charge. (15)

D^r Kings house being rebuilt, gives a good air, both to y^e front
and back part of your house, there being much Company
with, the D^r. So welcome him home, I would have no talk
with him, about the Party Gutter, which is vastly improv'd
by a fine leaden Gutter, that carrys all the Rain Water
into the Street; instead of conveying great Part of what fell
on the Roof before into the garden, and so into the lep pool
in the D^rs garden, was now there is only a small gutter be-
tween M^r Jones's and y^e ~~garden~~ House, that will bring
Water and to wash y^e back yard clean, & water y^e garden.
I am just now going to Hatfield in Hertfordshire, to see one
of my little Indian Boys, that is down with the small Pox,
but God willing shall return on Monday to give such Direc-
tions as you shall favour mee with, in y^e Affairs being
Madam.

Y^r H. N.

M^{rs} Watkins & I drack y^e health of other day, & she desired
me to tell you, she would be glad to have you & y^e Ladies
at Knighton, intended to come to London, this winter, or
next Spring.

He told me also, she believ'd she could get me a Tenant;
if the house were furnish'd, & the rent abat'd, but I hope
you will have no occasion for her Recommendation.
My humble Service to the Ladies at Knighton, I want to

Know whether you have got the Guardian, and when any piece
is sent to you by Miss Watkins, that I may embrace ^{your} same
opportunity of sending ^{you} a volume of something or other, for
a set of Newentyt; there is a new edition of Newentyt
in 3 vol: Octavo, come out, but I hope it won't hinder the
disposing of the Bts you have left in a way of exchange.

To Mr. Chamberlayne at Kingston

Bath: Buildings

10. Oct. 1730.

Madam

Last Wednesday Mr. Whitham Com^r
of the Exche & Bro^r to Gen^l Whitham & the Lady, I
mentioned in mine of the 26th of last mth sent to desire
to speak with me at the Exche office. I immediately waited
on him & we agreed to go this day to Chelsea from his
House near Grosvenor Square where he carry'd me in
his Chariot to view y^e House & what repairs sh^d be
necessary to make it commodious ~~was~~ for the reception of
his Sister, who is willing to take ^{it} for a year certain from
~~Christmas~~ ^{the 1st of Nov^r} next & if she then likes it, she will be a Purchaser.
The repairs ^{desires} are Coving Stone, for the 2. Chimneys,
below Stairs & 1. ^{chimney} above Stairs. The Floor mended where
wanting. The windows mended. The Pump to be put
into good order if defective. A new Lock to the Street door
and the old one mended & put on the back door. The Nece-
ssary House emptied. Plastering & white washing where
wanted

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when wanting ~~and~~ the House to be painted. I ~~gave~~ ^{gave} in the ~~best~~ ^{best} ~~hitting~~ ^{hitting} to ~~understand~~.
He reasons that the Masters Rent from Xmas to Lady
Day will go a great way towards defraying these
Repairs, and the Rent to be 10. l. p^a an. She will
be a good Tenant, and if she purchases I hope at
least to get 14. years purchase. And as soon I have ~~an~~ ^{an}
approbation will order the Repairs to be made.
Give me leave now ~~to~~ ^{to} acquit you with an
Affair of my own.

Jan 1727. the Min^r. & Churchwardens at Fort St. Geo.
sent me a Power to take care of the Education of
their ^{in England} ~~3.~~ ^{3.} orphans ~~being 3. in Number~~ in the room of
W^m. Arch Deacon Lewis then gone to Ireland & since
Dead, ~~at 1720. they remitted to~~ at the same time
they remitted to me 200. l. ^{to pay} defraying the Ex-
penses I should be at. I accepted the Trust upon
an assurance that I should never want ^{money} ~~with~~
to defray the ^{the Child's} ~~expenses~~ ^{having all good Fortunes in the City of York at} ~~to be at~~ ^{but this year}.
when I expected a remittance of 2. or 300. l.
they have not sent me one penny, nor a line ~~and~~
by way of apology. This gave me not a ^{unwanted}
little uneasiness till I met wth W^m. of the Hair Laces
Lauder a Merchant come over in 4. 10.
the last Ship arrived there 1727 17. 6

who ~~is~~
St.

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who assures me it was never forgotten, ^{suggested by} the Chaplain
being newly arriv'd ^{to suggest the former who is dead} and only the Youngest Church-
warden on the place at home the other being gone
a short voyage ^{when the ship came away} in the service of the Company but
if he had been in the way they would not have
neglected me nor their Child? but that I may be
sure of it next year, the Child's Fortunes will be considerable
in the City Stock being as safe as if they were in Bank of England.

Now Madam the favour I have to request of you
is that you would give me leave to take up 50.
or 60. l. at W. Hoar's as I may have occasion for
it, on the ~~diff~~ credit of y^r. East India Bond in his
hands, where the Principal & Interest shall continue to
be accounted for to you as if I had receiv'd nothing, and
in the mean time I will execute a Bond to secure you
in case of Mortality.

The Youngest Boy that had the Small Pox thank God is in
a fair way to do well and ~~the eldest I have taken home~~
~~to be an assistant Clerk to me in order to reduce the~~
~~Expense~~ I shall contrait their Expense as much as I can
without prejudice to their Learning till I have a
Remittance from India.

^{into} I should not make the Proposal I have done if
and the v. I apprehended your Interest would suffer by it
- Every House & therefore I hope you will excuse the freedom
of this from Madam y^r. most humble but

P. S. The letter enclosed came by the Post to Mr. Watkin who sent it to me. I wonder that any Correspond. of Mr. Chamberlayne's ^{in England} should not know that he was dead.

My humble service to the Ladies at King's Arms

To John Whetham Esq.
in Brode Street near
Greenwich Square.

Bartlett's Building,
21. Oct. 1730.

I. I have rec'd a letter from Mr. Chamberlayne by which she consents to all the Repairs desired to be made ⁱⁿ her House, only as I ^{informed} her that the principal articles of painting & covering shall in 3. Chimneys be what another Tenant would not require for Mr. Whetham's reception in the terms of 10. l. of an. from ~~x~~ ^{next} ^{Point} as I ^{informed} her that you that those Articles would come to little more than 5. l. she would rather allow a certain sum to Mr. Whetham towards it than to trust her self in the hands of workmen who ^{delight in} ~~think of nothing but multiplying~~ ^{without being well look'd after.} ~~expenses, whether necessary or not.~~

If Mr. Whetham therefore pleases to accept of 5. l. for was to be apply'd towards making those Repairs to her own liking Mr. Chamberlayne ~~will~~ ^{will} readily allow that to encourage so good a Tenant. ~~though the Principal of the House~~ ^{the left} ~~But if she would take a lease of the House~~ ^{the right} ~~the Tenant has been there & he says 1.~~ ^{or 2. Bonds}

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Bro

~~Boards will suffice to repair all that is wanting to the Floor~~
 and the Bridge in the ^{back} Yard ^{it seems} ~~which I find~~ belong to the house
 it may be used ⁱⁿ ~~will go a good way~~ towards making up the Wall in the ~~West~~
 Cellar. If the Pump be more out of Repair than we
 imagine it, that must be allow'd for, ~~but I believe it is only~~
 and as to other articles, the persons you employ will in all
 likelihood be more reasonable than they will with her,
~~or me.~~ However I shall submit to take the trouble
 if Mr. Whetham if you don't approve of Mr. Chamberlayne's
 offer, I shall submit to take the trouble as well as Jean being
 offer, ~~my~~ J^r W. most obed^t. humble

Mr. Whetham will please to consider
 that the articles of Coving three Chimneys,
 & painting ~~inside of them~~ ^{extraordinary} and ~~putting in~~
~~extraordinary work~~ ^{placed only}. ~~the~~
~~and what will make a great hole up near~~
~~more of the years Rent, which if the resolves to take~~
~~it for a longer Term and will make a great hole in~~
~~the Rent if she don't take it for a longer Term than proposed.~~

To Mr. Chamberlayne
 at Knighton Isle of Wight

Bart. Building,
 31. Oct. 1730.

I should not have let your Letter of the 17th of this
 month remain so long unanswered but was willing to see you
 Word if you could offer bargain about the old House but we are still
 in dispute the by appointment house? Whetham & his sister
 met me at Chelsea this day where the Joiner, Painter &
 Mr. Bricklayer met who give the Estimate of the repair
 into the Chamber of Repairs in order to come to some Con-
 clusion. I had offered em 5 Guineas toward
 every Hour the Repairs & to let the Lady say it out as the piece

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plead, but the Com^r: tho he seem'd to think that was a reasonable offer
for the necessary repairs yet to prevent any Disappointm^t. which Mr
was willing to have the Opinion of the proper Workmen & so to begin
the Estimate for what was thought necessary. viz

Quarry Stones for 2 Chimneys 20 foot at 16 ^s ft	2. 10. 0
Joiners Work for Floors, Windows, Doors Locks & Pump	1. --
Painters Work inside for the 2 Ground Rooms	1. 15. --
D ^r for outside front work Window ^{Parl^r}	1. 2. 6
Ditto for backside Work Washhouse Windows &c	13. 9
D ^r for the Alcove	4. --
Bricklayers Work in Kellar 45 ft. being 50 Bricks	
Labour & Mortar included	11. 3. --
D ^r for Plastering	10. --
Glass	2. 6
A new Lock to the front Door & 9 ^s pres ^t . Lock to be removed to the Back Door	5. --
	<u>£ 9 : 6 : 5</u>

There were the Articles judg^d necessary without which
they said no Tenant would come in, the Workmen also said they had
estimated the outside Price on w^{ch} perhaps they would be some
Abatement! but that is their usual Mode of Lodging People in.

After this Mr Whetnam with the Lady on the left
than side with me plastered, & the Staircase might be said to be
& painted w^{ch} being estimated by the Joiner for his Work amounted
to 30 y^d. w^{ch} at 2. 6 p^y. from top to Bottom including the Stair base
at 3 foot high from the Stair came to

Painters Work for D ^r by Computation.	17 17. 6
D ^r for other Work	15. --
	<u>6 12 6</u>

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Brought from the other. ²⁰ Gⁿ 126
9: 6ⁿ 5

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After this I told Mr. Whetnam if his sister insisted on having all these Repairs, I hoped she would either take a Lease for some years, or buy the House outright & I would allow a years Rent in the Purchase, she answered she should never leave the House if she liked it, & if upon Trial she did like it, she might buy it. But the most I could ~~take~~ bring'em to was that if these Repairs were made, she would take it for 2 years certain from ^{the next} ~~the next~~ ^{10th} of 10: - Rent to be paid quarterly, & that in that Time she would in all likelihood require so much more to make the House convenient as would tempt her to stay in it, but she would not be oblig'd to stay a longer time Upon this we parted to consider of it, & I promised to write to you for your Approbation.

I must own I think the latter Proposal the most eligible considering that in 2 years she will be so fix'd in it, & pay as much Money on it as to be tempted not to leave it, whereas for the lesser Estimate of Repairs she will be oblig'd but for one year & then she quits it another Tenant will expect some further Repairs which may amount to as much as all the extraordinary Demands now made.

I must also acquaint you that they have their Eye on another House in the Lane. w^{ch} has 4 Rooms on a Floor & each house belonging to it but as the Rent of that will be 20 odd Pounds I hope to divert them from taking it if you approve of either of the forementioned Proposals for one year & less Repairs, or one year & the longer Repairs.

The

The Truth is the rebuilding of ~~D. King's~~ ^{10.} ~~House~~ ^{was a good Journey} has cost an intire Summer ~~House~~ in
 letting of w^h could not be avoided, & the Managem^t. of old
 Houses was to make anything of no worth they see 10
 many new ones to let very cheap, makes it ^{very} difficult
 to get anything by it without running some Risque
 Be pleased therefore to let me have y^r Commands on this
 Head with y^r first Convenience.

I have recd y^r 2 years Dividend on So. Sea Stock ¹⁰ M^d. 6...
 And the ~~initial~~ ⁱⁿ calculation of 6 p Cent on D^o Stock. 18
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And am to receive y^r Annuity Interest some time after the
 4th of next Month. As I shall by the first Opportunity y^r Interest ^{be}
 the I. India Bond.

I have given Notice to Mr. Maddox that I shall comply
 with y^r Order for paying her the sum mentioned in y^r Letter on 1st Jan.
 And shall pay Mr. Wetherill the 1st Time y^e go by her Door. I gave the
 enclosed Letter from Mr. Griffiths to Mr. More who is now established
 being to the Governors of the Queens Bounty w^h will be worth to him
 at least 300 £ p An. so much in the Affairs at hand since Mr. Chamber-
 layne he died & Mr. Parker is now Rec^t. of the Teaching Room of
 Mr. Eton ^{sch}. is 500 £ p An. I thank you for y^r ^{kind} ~~good~~ Compliance
 with my Request relating to y^r I. India Bond & am

Y^r obed^t

Y^r most obed^t humble serv^t.

my humble service of Ladies with you Henry Norman
 I please to refer to the enclosed ^{part} for News.

D^r King & his Daughter send their humble service to you,
 with whom I thank y^r Health.

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To W. Henry Overton Bartlett's Building
in Chancery Lane 12. Nov. 1730.

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S^r. The Society for Promoting
Christian Knowledge have unanimously chosen
you a Subscribing Member ~~in hope for~~ in hope you
may be pleased to accept thereof, when you have
been ~~acquainted with~~ ^{acquainted with} the nature of their design ^{concerning}
which the Acct. herewith sent will ^{printed} ^{in good measure} inform you, ^{at}
~~good point~~. And when you please to favour
them with y^r. Company at their ^{meetings} ~~house~~ in
Bartlett's Building, they will be glad to see you any
Tuesday by eleven of the Clock in y^e Morn. Directed
This invitation was intended some time since
and a worthy Gent. Deceased undertook to ac-
quaint you with it, but it seems he either did
not live to do it, or for got it, which it is ~~to hope~~
you will not impute to want of respect in the
Society. I am S^r. y^r. most humble Serv^t.

To M^{rs} Matthews at Her Lodg: near the Cold Bath.
Madam

Bartlett's Build: 13. Nov. 1730.

I wonder how I came to forget last Night to acquaint
you that I have spoke 2. or 3. times to M^r Downing for
his Acct. with you, & told him I had a form^a to discharge
it; but he has not yet sent it to me, & therefore because
you may perhaps see Him before you return into the
Country I have sent by the Bear. the remainder of

The Money in my Hands for that Purpose.

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I heartily wish you & Mr Matthews a good Journey
into the Country & am
Madame

1730.

Octob. Rec^d £ 3. 3. -

For Mr Moore as
a Benefaction to
the Malabar Miss^{ns} } 1. 1. -

17. P^r Watts by Ord^r
of Mr Matthews } 12. 6
1. 13. 6

Nov. 13. Rem^d sent off Rec^d - 1. 9. 6
3. 3. -

Y^r most humble Serv^t

H. N.

If you would send the Bearer of any
Message to W. Downing he will obey
y^r orders.

NB. This was sent by W. Gwin

NB. The Bill was enclosed, for the Guinea
sent to Elizabeth Hill 31. Oct. 1730.
which was rep^d to H. N. by Mr Matthews.

To D^r Mead
in Ormond Street.

Bartlett's Building,
18. Nov^r 1730.

S^r It ~~may~~ looks presumptuous in me to
ask favours where I have no title but y^r goodness
to grant 'em. The Bearer ^{Mr Williams} I have known many
years for a very honest woman. She has a Daughter
in Law that is Smetich that has put her family to
a greater Expence than they are able longer to bear
which puts her upon the Expedient of addressing you
for y^r recommendation to Guy's Hospital if such a favour
can be granted to one in her case of w^{ch} the Bearer will
more particularly inform you and the kindness you are
pleas^d to show will particularly oblige S^r y^r

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To W. Henry Overton Bartlett's Building
in Charterhousey. 12. Nov. 1730.

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you a Subscribing Member ~~in hopes for~~ in hopes you
may be pleas'd to accept thereof, when you have
been ^{acquainted with} ~~informed of~~ the nature of their design ^{concerning}
which the Acct. herewith sent will ^{in good measure} ~~inform~~ you, as
~~good~~ ^{ever} ~~part~~. And when you please to favour
them with y^r. Company at their ^{meetings} ~~house~~ in
Bartlett's Building, they will be glad to see you any
Tuesday by ^{clerk of the Church in Mon. directed}
This invitation was intended some time since
and a worthy Gent. Deceased undertook to ac-
quaint you with it, but it seems he either did
not live to do it, or forgot it, which it is ~~hoped~~
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Barklet's Building,
10. Nov^r 1730.

S^r It ~~may~~ looks presumptuous in me to
ask favours where I have no title but y^r goodness
to grant 'em. The Bearer ^{Mr Williams} I have known many
years for a very honest woman. She has a Daughter
in Law ~~that~~ is immoderate that has put her family to
a greater Expence than they are able longer to bear
which puts her upon the Expedient of addressing you
for y^r recommendation to Guy's Hospital if such a favour
can be granted to one in her case of w^{ch} the Bearer will
more particularly inform you and the kindness you are
pleas^d to shew ^{her} will particularly oblige S^r y^r.

To Mr Chamberlayne at Knighton
 Madam in the Bartlet's Buildings
 Isle of Wight. 24. Decemb^r. 1738.

You may well wonder at my long Silence since I rec^d. your Favour of the 9th of November the Reason of which has been, that I might tell you the Issue of my Bargain with Com^r. Whettham for Letting your House at Chelsea, Copy of which is enclod^d. The Lady upon further Consideration chose to abate the Charge of Wainscoting the Entry & Staircase, that I might abate her the £10 propos^d to be added to the Rent, and would not be oblig^d for above one Year, though she says she would never furnish it from Top to Bottom if she did not think of staying longer in it, or of buying it if she likes it upon Trial. She intended to put up a Copper in the Wash house, but stealing of Lead & Copper is so much in Fashion now that she alter^d her Mind & has order^d the Bricklayer to make a little Chimney there that may serve for washing Dishes the Charge of which I shall endeavour to persuade Her to pay part of if not the whole if she stays but a Year.

The outside is all painted, but the Inside is left to be done next Spring, and in the mean Time she intends only to lodge a Serv^t in it to take care of her Furniture till she goes into it at Lady Day. To tell you the Truth I was glad to get a Tenant upon any Terms for fear it should lie longer upon your Hands. The Garden she has already fitted up very spruce and I gave her Hopes of a Rolling Stone which it very much wants. Pray inform your Self whether the Stone left at D^r. Harveys does not belong to you. I call^d on him to demand it but he was not at Home, however I find he has lent it to his Tenant in the House where you live.

I was in hopes by this Time to have sent you a good Report from M^r. Resident Hopmann, but when I call^d on him the Beginning of this Month with his Bond, he told me he did not think it was due till the Beginning of January, but when I shew him the Bond He was satisfi^d and promis^d the following Week, to call on me for paying the Interest £42. 10. and that he would pay the Principal in Jan^r. I took his Word once more which he failing of, I call^d on him & he assur^d me that he could not then do it but soon after the Holydays he hop^d to pay all, he being to receive in the Holydays £2000 of his Lady's Fortune. And so that Affair stands he gave me many good Words & send his humble Service to you. He is

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removing from York Buildings to a great House near St. James: for better carrying on his Project of an Assembly, which he is very sanguine will yield him a great deal of Money, several Persons of Quality having promised to attend it.

I have rec^d. £4. for a years Int^l. on your E. I. Bond to Mich^l. last. Please to be refer'd to the Print herewith sent for publick News. My humble Service to the Ladys of your Family. Mrs Maddox and her Son & Daughter I was lately drunk your and their Health to me; & send their humble Service to you and them.

Wishing you a merry Xmas & many happy New Years I remain

Madam Yr. most Humble Serv^t.

H. V.

Copy of W^m. Jackson's Power of Attorney to W^m. Galpine at Jamaica.

KNOW all men by these Presents that I Mary Jackson of London Spinster have made ordaind constituted and by these Presents make ordain constitute and Appoint The Reverend W^m. Galpin of Port Royal in Jamaica my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my Name and for my Use to ask demand and receive of and from Cap^t. Brooks late Cap^t. of Fort Charles at Port Royal in Jamaica all such Summs and Summs of Money whether Principal or Interest due and payable to me & my Assigns by Bond or otherwise. And upon non payment thereof the said Cap^t. Brooks his Exec^{rs}. or Administrators for me and in my Name to sue arrest imprison implead & prosecute for the same and upon such Suit to proceed to Judgment & Execution and thereupon the said Cap^t. Brooks his Exec^{rs}. & Administrators in Prison to hold and keep until Payment thereof be made with all Costs & Damages sustained & to be sustained by Occasion of the Detaining of the same and upon Payment thereof the said Cap^t. Brooks his Exec^{rs}. & Administrators forth of Prison to discharge And Acquittances for the same or any Part thereof for me and in my Name to make seal and deliver and also to do perform execute all and every other lawful

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lawful and reasonable Acts and Things whatsoever both for attorning and
discharging of the same as shall be needful to be done giving and by these
Present granting unto my said Attorney my full and absolute Power in the
Premises ratifying & holding firm all ~~whatsoever~~ my said Attorney shall
lawfully do or cause to be done in or about the Premises by virtue of these
Present In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the
twenty second Day of January in the fourth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign
Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland
King Defender of the Faith & Anno Domini 1730/31.

Sealed & delivered
in the Presence of

Mary Jackson ©

Ri: Payne
Att. Law

NB. Capt. Payne is Command. of the Ashley Frigate
Capt. Dover of the London.

To Mr. Pacey

Madam

Bank Buildings

27 Jan^y 1730/31

I am so little acquainted ~~among~~ ^{with} Members
of the H. of Comm^s and the Case you recommend is so extra-
ordinary that I can't tell what advice to give in it. If
the Petitioner has any relation to the Corporation of Boston
and her Bro^r petitions have not interest'd with the present
Members for that ^{town} ~~Corporation~~, if you would recommend it to
either of them to give their advice in it, I hope the ans^r.
would

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would be more to y^r. & the Petitioner's Satisfaction than
any thing I can ^{say} do; I have therefore returned the
Petition, and heartily wish y^r. application to either of those
Gent. may succeed for the Service of the Lady ~~whose~~ ^{your}
~~from~~ y^r. recommendation. I am, Madam

[The Petition was addressed]

To the Hon^{ble}. C^h. of Com^s. of Gr. Britain

The humble Petition of a young Gentlewoman
Sheweth under very hard Circumstances.

That y^r. Petitioner's fortune lying in the
hands of her Bro^r. her D^r. Bro^r. stood Candidate
for a seat in this Hon^{ble}. House but lost the Election
in w^h he expended his own & y^r. Petitioner's
fortune so y^t y^r. Petitioner is by that means
reduced to a very low condition & must be inevi-
tably ruin'd without the Assistance of y^r. Honors.

y^r. Petitⁿ. therefore most humbly prays,
that this Hon^{ble}. House would be pleas'd
to consider y^r. Petitioner's unhappy situation and
afford her such relief as to y^r. Hon^{rs}. Wisdom
shall seem meet.

And y^r. Petitioner as in Duty
bound shall ever pray &c.

(30) To W. Francis Hugonin
at Nurstled near Petersfield
Hampsh.

Bart. Buildings,
28 Jan^y. 1730/31.

D^r S^r. I rec^d y^r Let^r of the 10th Inst^t
and am sorry to find ym decline taking John Lawrence
under y^r ^{Care} ~~Protection~~ according to the hopes ym gave
me when ym was ^{last} in London. ~~For~~ what I have advanced
I am above the Money remitted ^{if ym have not effects to discharge it} on his Acc^t. I am ready
to stand to the Custodie of the Churchwardens ^{though} by their
Let^r of 20th Jan^y. 1727/0ⁿ ^{they} seem to consign him to ym and to
appropriate 70. l. of the 200. l. they remitted, for your
Direction ^{absolutely} on his Acc^t. as if he was not an orphan under
their care, but ^{under} ~~you~~ ^{as} ~~an~~ ^{an} Executor or Trustee for his
father. ^{nor did I know when to find them till you instructed me having no letter abt him.} I beg therefore that ym will not withdraw
y^r self from every part of the Trust rep^d in us
because I have been so easy as to accept of it ^{partly}
on y^r ^{Assurance} ~~Acc^t~~. & for the Argument ym us^d with ym ^{to}
~~being joyn^d with so worthy a person as ym~~ ^{nor was it a small inducement to me the consideration}
~~that of~~ ^{being joyn^d with so worthy a person as ym} ~~in a part of this Nature.~~
As you are a Trustee ^{at least} in behalf of Lawrence
ym can call the Churchwardens to an Acc^t. whenever
ym please, but I have no such Authority, nor have
I any thing to rely on but their honour with respect
to the 2. other Lads, & the Justice of their Case, ~~but~~
I hope therefore ym will take Lawrence under y^r
care for the future, and recommend it to the Churchwardens
at Fort St. Geo.

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at Fort S^t. George should be delivered to my order he now makes a
 to reimburse me for ^{doing it belonged to the garden of the House he let}
 what I have exp^d. - ^{high matter I am not able to clear nor do I find} and therefore if I can meet with a second hand
 -ed on him above their ^{at a reasonable Price I should be glad to}
 remittance of 70. l. And ^{an Appurtenance that only Tenants of}
 that you will write to M^r. Situation of it proves agreeable to you,
 Huet Mart^r. of the School at ^{we have or to stay some years in it,}
 Hatfield to let him know that ^{and of my Acc^t to M^r. Chamberlayne}
 he is under y^r. care for defraying ^{the House inviting to so good}
 the charge of his Schooling from
 Christmas last.

Respectful humble Serv^t.

I hope you won't think much of
 doing this since the other two ^{last} will be ^{in N.}
 further en^d upon me, ~~and I shall de-~~ ^{your s^ro^t enquire}
~~fine by the next ships to be ex^{ch}g^d till I~~ ^{and at what p^{ow}}
 can discharge my self of them, and that you them?
 will be always ready to advise ab^t. the disposal
 of them ^{also} notwithstanding your having as you say ^{in designs}
 given up the Trust, ~~for such usage will oblige me~~ ^{31.}
^{since} ~~to~~ it was ~~from~~ you that prevail^d with me to accept
 of the care ~~even~~ of them, and I shall be oblig^d
~~and other~~ ^{would oblige me} ~~such usage to withdraw my self to from having any~~
 more concern in this or the like Trusts for the future.

I hope when you have consider^d the contents of
 this you will send me a more agreeable answer than
 y^r. last to S^t. Y^r. most humble Serv^t.

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(30) To Mr. Francis Hugonin
at Nursted near Petersfield
Hampsh.

D. V. S. J. 2

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Bartlets Buildings
26. Marsh. 1731.

and am sorry to find you
under yr. ^{Care} Protection acc To the Rev.rd
me when you may ^{last} D. Secret. V. of
Hear above the ¹¹ Greenwich in Kent

to stand to the
lett. of 20. th 8
Reverend S.

I recd your favour of the 15th ^{Nov.}
appropriate and immediately forwarded it to the Lady who desires me
Direction, to acquaint you that She agrees to the Terms of a Guinea
and half per annum that will be all that will be required of
the Person She employs to put up the Monument. i.e. that the
Sexton or Grave Digger will have no Demand.

I thank you for the trouble you have been pleased to
give your Self on this Affair at the request of

Reverend S.

Yr. most humble Serv.^t

To Mr. Whetham
in Ch. Lane Chelsea
Madam

M. V.
Bartlets Buildings
12th April 1731.

For fear I should be prevented waiting on
you as I purpote this day or Wednesday next this is at the desire of Mr.
King to acquaint you that the Rolling Stone which D. Harvey promised

to Mr^r Chamberlayne should be delivered to my order he now makes a
 Difficulty of it, pretending it belonged to the Garden of the House he let
 to Mr^r Chamberlayne, which matter I am not able to clear nor do I find
 Mr^r Chamberlayne can, and therefore if I can meet with a Second Hand
 One in your Neighbourhood at a reasonable Price I should be glad to
 oblige you with it, tho' it be an Appurtenance that only Tenants of
 mestness would require.

I hope the House and Situation of it proves agreeable to you,
 so as to induce you either to purchase or to stay some years in it,
 for to tell you the truth, I am ashamed of my Acc^t to Mr^r Chamberlayne
 for the Expences of Repairs to make the House inviting to so good
 a Tenant. I am

Madam

Your most obedient humble Serv^t

M. N.

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I shall be obliged to you if you would let your Serv^t enquire
 where a Rolling Stone can be bought, a 2^d hand one and at what price
 price, They that deal in house furniture can inform them.

To Mr^r Chamberlayne
 at Knighton Isle of White

Barthels Buildings
 26. June. 1731.

Madam

I recd your favour of 20th last month, and have p^d
 to Mr^r Wavel, Mr^r Watkins & his Daughter the Sums you orderd and also
 recd your Divident on 209th t. in the S. Sea. - - - - - 5:12:9

And your Annuitys of 700. t. 10 s. day last - - - - - 14: - : -
 19:12:9

I have recd no rent yet from M^{rs} Whetham tho she has sent to me to call for it, being desirous to receive it half yearly that she may think herself obliged to give you half a years Notice whenever she leaves the House, with at present I dont find her inclined to do, and D^r King hath promised to perswade her if he can to be a Purchaser. I shall wait on her as soon as I can with decency now the 1st half year is out, I have paid some of the Articles of Repairs w^{ch} would admit of no Dispute, but those I think D^r H. ought to pay we have not yet settled because I have not the deed by me w^{ch} you made for his house to know the Covenant between him an you I thought you had left it wth me, but when I came to look for it, I dont find it among your deeds, nor can M^r Watkins come at it, so I suppose you have lock'd it up. However D^r H. has promised to look out his deed that we may settle that matter the next time I go to Chelsea, in the mean time he and his daughters return their humble Service to you. I have this day paid the Insurance of your house to Midsum^r next 6th. And by the first opportunity of sending a Parcel to you I shall send 2. other Books instead of Telemachus, as you desire, but for fear I should send something you have already I wish you could propose what they shall be. I wish you be ^{not} a sufferer by the late Fire at Blanford as well as some of your friends and shall be glad to hear you have got rid of your Cold. M^r Evans is always at Hampton Court, but the rest of your Friends as M^r Janes and Channel Row are all well. M^{rs} Dyssel is lately married to M^r Egerton a noted ^{wholesale} Thread Merch^t in Fleetstreet that keeps his Coach but he has 2. or 3. Child^{en} w^{ch} made M^{rs} Mad. not fond to give her Consent at first if I am rightly informd.

My humble Service to the Ladies that do me the honour sometimes to remember me with you and pleased to be assured that I am

Yours &c

H. N.

Having obtain'd a parcel I have sent the London Journal of this Day.

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To Charles Fennell Esq. Tuesday 27. July. 1731.
in Bond Street near Poland
Street Westminster. Bartlett's Buildings.

S^r

I thank you for the notice you give me and will attend your Appointment on Thursday tho' I had oblig'd my Self to be at your End of the town tomorrow with a view of meeting you and that one Coach might serve for all my Appointments.

To the Scheme we agreed upon I have only added a Title wth I shall be glad if the Bearer find you at home to have your Approbation or disapprobation of, if you object to it, in these words viz

"The State of Substantance money due to the Gov^t & Gov^t Company
"at Jamaica from 27. Aug^r. 1726. to 24. June 1727.
because an Acct^t without an head^{ing} it seems bald, especially when a certificate is to be annex^d that is to be produced perhaps in a Judicial manner hereafter.

I shall be glad to know whether this State commences at the Duke's Death, and if his Successor the Maj^r Gen^l was not arrived at Jamaica by 24. June 1727. Why it determines then, or whether his Commission was dated on that day, and whether Lieut^t Dodd had not a right to draw for the Substantance due from the time of the Duke's Death to the time of his Successors Arrival.

I can hardly expect an Answer in writing to these Enquiries now, but when we meet shall be glad to be favour'd with your Advice on them being
S^r Your most humble Serv^t

H. V.

To M^{rs} Esther Shaw
at South in Lincolnshire

Bartlett's Buildings
London 31. July 1731

Madam

I lately received the Inclosed from
M^r Dodd at Jamaica with a power of Attorney to M^r
Dawkins and my Self to treat with You and your
Sister about Selling the Reversion of the Estate in
Jamaica lately belonging to M^r Dodd your Brother.

If you please to signify to Us on what terms
you would be willing to dispose of your Right to
M^r Dodd, and whether you will appoint any
friend in London, or come your Self to treat ab^t.
it, we should be glad to know & the sooner the
better because M^r Dawkins is obliged to go into
the Countrey, but would be glad to order his Affairs
so as to give you a Meeting Your answer di-
rected to me here will come safe to

Madam Your very hum^{ble} Serv^t
H. N.

Bartholomew's Buildings
10. Aug. 1731.
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For Henry Jacobins Esq:
entitled to mess^r. Drake Peumant & Long
merch^t in Cantab^r & fians.
over ag^t the Navy Office.

Sir

M^r. Shaw is come to town on purpose
with an Attorney to settle the Affair of her Reversion to M^r.
Moor's Estate, and hopes you will not delay returning to
Town to ease her & presence of staying here and keeping her friend
the Attorney she has brought with her. M^r. Dimock a Relati-
-on of the Champion of that Name has been last Week down
with her on purpose to drive a Bargain with her and her
2. Sisters for the same Estate, and as she says offer'd them
12. hund^d. Guineas for it, and one of her Sisters has accepted
earnest for her share on those terms, but the Letter I sent down
prevented their the other Sisters closing with his Offer in hopes
we shall on behalf of M^r. Dodd give more. I told her I could
do nothing without you, and that you would immediately
come to town upon notice of her being ready to treat about
it. She supposes M^r. Dimock acts for some body else but can't
tell who it is, and promised a final Answer upon her coming
to London, and therefore no time must be lost to divert
her. — While I was with her yesterday she receed
a letter from her Sister offering to renounce the Bargain
she

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She had made with Dimock if she can make a better with Mr. Dodd.

This Sister it seems is marry'd and wants her share of the Purchase Money as soon as she can get it which made her so forward to embrace Mr. Dimock's offer

I am
Y^r

To the Hon^{ble}

Col. Bladen at

Army Hotel. near Ifad Y^r.

Hon^{ble} S^r.

Your most humble Serv^t

H. V.

Port. Buildings

17. Aug. 1731.

I thank you that you give me leave to put you in mind of the certificate in favour of Lieut. Dodd ^{at Jamaica} and doubt not but your goodness will dispose you to make that effectual so far as it ^{can relieve him} ~~may be of any~~ ~~and for the deficiency of Mr. Stevenson's effects~~ but also to advise how the ^{remaining} ~~rest~~ of Mr. Stevenson's effects to pay his debts ^{may be} ~~supplied by a proper application to the Government~~ ^{of that deficiency} will very much oblige
Y^r favour wherein
S^r Y^r.

For D^r Nicholson
at Sligo in
Ireland

Dear Sir

Barbets Buildings
19. Aug. 1731

I reced your kind letter of the 4th of June. 1730 and since that your favour of the 2th of October last according to

to with I have delivered to M^r. Cockran 7. Parcels viz

2. Boxes with a pair of Globes

1. Serutoire

1. Case containing Bass viol & Viols.

1. Little Case for Spirits.

1. Box containing a Scarlet gown and Cap. &c.

1. Hair Trunk cont. Shimen and Books.

7.

I sent a Bill with them of the Charges to M^r. Cockran as here inclosed but he could not pay it till he had your order. They were ship'd last month on the Mary Robt. Sanders Master for Sligo directed as he sends me word to M^r. Francis Cockran there to be delivered to you or your order, I wish them safe to your hands and shall be glad to hear they go well, and at the same time of your and your good Father's Welfare.

While the ~~Locks~~ were off of your Serutoire to be mended, some body unknown to me took the liberty as my honest housekeeper tells me a Clergyman M^r. Christian C. named to take the smaller Flute to play with in my dining Room where the Serutoire was, and when I came to pack your things up I found it missing with occasion'd many words between me & my Housemaid, but the Clergyman being gone ^{being gone} ~~and~~ I can make no demand of him for it however, my Housekeeper I must blame for letting him or any one else know there was such a thing in the House

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Our old friend D. Bray died about a year ago. The
Marquise Duquesne and his Lady are well, and exceedingly glad
to hear of your Welfare. He carries on now a great
Trade in French Wines by the help of some Relations he has
in France. M^{rs} Adams is well & sends her humble
Service to you

Pray give my humble Service to your excellent
Father, and let me know how many poor Child^{ren} he and you
keep at School and how you employ them after they have
learned what they can at School and you'll oblige

Dear Sir

Your most humble Serv^t

To the Hon^{ble} Col. Bladen
at Abury Hatch in Essex
Hon^{ble} S^r

H. V.

Bartlett's Buildings

16. Sep^r 1731

I took the liberty of writing ^{to you} ~~to you~~ for a
certificate in favour of ~~the~~ Lieut. Dodd at Jamaica
and have been every week since at the Plantation
Office to wait upon you for ~~it~~ it, but ~~either~~ I have
been so unfortunate as either to miss the day or
the hour of ^{finding you} ~~your~~ being there to receive your
Command ~~therein~~. I am never Master of my
self on Tuesday, which is the day you have appeared
to be

to be there of late, but yesterday Mr. Fen told me
you had appointed him to wait on you there with
made me go with ^{the} more ^{satisfaction} ~~pleasure~~, in hopes of the
honour of meeting you but we were both disappointed.

I should be oblig'd ^{to you} to know when I might be
use of waiting on you either at y^r. house
in Hamover square
or the Plantation office to put an end to the
trouble given you by

L^d y^r. most obed^t.
humble Serv^t.

To Mr. Chamberlain
at Knighton in the
Isle of Wight

Bartlett's Buildings
10. Sep^r. 1731.

Madam

I am ashamed to find y^r. last of y^e of July
so long unanswered y^e reason of w^{ch} in part was y^t I was
willing to adjust wth Dr King all Disputes abt y^e repairs
Before I wrote. But one time he was not at home & another
he was lain down to take his afternoon Nap & now he is
gone into y^e Country not to return till after Michas.

I recd y^r. Rent of Mr Whetham for half a Year
ending at Midsummer last viz ----- 8⁰⁰

The having obli'd y ^e me to allow her for a	9 ⁰⁰
a Rolling Stone for the garden	5 ⁰⁰
for carrying rubbish out of y ^e garden	7 ⁰⁰
when she came	12
to compleat	9 ⁰⁰

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Though I think y^d workmen w^{ch} y^d Dr employed
ought to have paid y^d last Article she does not give
any hopes of being a purchaser (tho she likes the
situation of y^d house) it being too strait & too old but
as she has furnish'd it very prettily she intends to be
y^r tenant as long as she can the want of a drain
by y^d Kitchen is another inconvenience she complains
of w^{ch} cannot be rem^d till the house is rebuilt
I Paid Mr Maddox 10¹¹ 4¹¹ as you order'd before
she went to Acton for w^{ch} she thanks you & desires
you would still continue to sell^r for her, she &
Mr Evans send their humble service to you, as does
Dr Mangery & his Lady to whom I made y^r compl^{ts}
by y^e Dr who are now gone into y^d Country, but I
think not so far as Durham, I was going wth your
Compl^{ts} to Mr Railton & in my way met wth Dr
Harvey who told me Mr Railton was y^t day marry'd
to a young lady abt 22 y^r upon w^{ch} I defist'd but
shall take an opportunity of doing it In y^e mean
time the Dr sends his humble ser. to you & was glad
to hear of your welfare & y^t you may not be
surpriz'd at Mr Railtons Marriage.

I must except you what his frd. say that it to an agreeable
 distant relation of his own Name to whom he had a
 mind to leave his fortune when he left y^e world without
 y^e trouble of a conveyance in y^e usual form of Lawy ors
 I must not omit to aeq.^t y^e y^e I have often call'd out Mr.
 Relis^t. Hopman abt. y^e affair who in answ^r. shew'd
 us a lett^r. from an Attorney to convince ^{us} that things
 could not be adjusted till next Term when he hopes
 to be able to discharge his obligation.

To the Honble
 Col. Bladen

28. Sep^r. 1731.

According to y^r. order I have
 brew^d. sent a Copy of the draught ^{of the Certificate} you was
 pleas'd to approve of; I call'd to shew
 it to W. Middleton but he ^{was} out of
 Town, & is not expected till to morrow,
 I shew'd it to his Partner who told me
 that whatever you sign'd he did not
 doubt would be approv'd of by him.
 I hope to send it away this week
 if you please to favour us with the return
 of it by the Bearer to y^e y^e.

To ~~Lieut.~~ Wm Dodd Esq.

Lieut. of the Independt.

Comp^d & commanded by

His Excell^{cy} Gov. Hunter.

at Jamaica.

Bartlett's Building,

9. Oct. 1731.

S^r. I have had several Let^{rs}.
from you, enclosing others which were all delivered
as directed. I with your confidence in me
had ^{been} placed in our more capable of serving you
fit to tell you the truth I ^{am} so remote from West^{Ind}.
and such a poor Walker being turn'd of 3. Score
beside walking many miles I believe I have
that I have spent the best part of 2. Quarters
in ^{Wardrobe} Cochine to get what you desired from the
War office and ~~at~~ W. Strevenson's Executors: And
I had no Reg^d ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~affair~~ to set pen to paper till I could send
what I have now enclosed, to which I have
been every week prompt^d to.
but till this day could not ob-
tain the leave of absence
though it was sign'd the 30th.
past. His Majesty's Eyes being
so out of order that S^r. With^{ing} Strickland could not decently
lay any Paper before him for a man
~~that~~ 10.

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former
S^r Ligninham. I was in hopes the ~~last~~ leave
of absence would have first ^{to better} ^{inspired} ^{than} ^{any} ^{body} ^{else} ^{could} ^{do} ^{it} ^{for} ^{you}
to solicit y^r. own affairs. I wish this way have
better luck. I went to the Company's Office to
have it entered ~~as~~ as it is directed, but missing
the proper Clerk, they told me at the war office
that it was unnecessary being so directed ^{for}
~~from~~ ^{the} ~~Company~~ ^{Company} ~~General~~ ^{General} ~~Office~~ ^{Office},
tho' they had no authority to muster the
Independent Company, abroad.

Col. Bladen According to y^r. Letter to W. Elliot
~~Agent~~ he paid me in June last, as follows. viz
The Ball^d of y^r. Subsistence at 3/6. 8/12 8m
from 24. Feb^r. last to 24. of April last. ... 6: 5: 4.
For y^r. Net ~~Proceeding~~ Clearings for and } 14: 14: 0
Year from 25. June 1729. to 25. June 1730)

The Impulse of w^{ch} in any hands shall be ^{21: - - -}
fd to y^r. order, and I hope you will ~~and~~ ^{be} ^{anointed}.

I have several times attended Col. Bladen the
^{Principal} ~~acting~~ Executor in W. Stevens' Affairs, and
at last obtain'd his hand to a certificate of the
State of W. Stevens' Acc^t. with y^r. Company
I did object to ^{the} ~~object~~ ^{of} ~~being~~ ^{having} his
whole pay out of the 2600. ~~and other~~ ^{and other} ~~Credits~~ ^{Credits} were
obly'd

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oblig'd to take up with a quota in proportion as his efforts
should hold out, and the late Dupe of Portland was one
of those Creditors ^{He gave the Dutchess having} ~~whose Dutchess~~ ^{and acquired} in
what she could get, but Col. Bladen told me it
would be to no purpose to insist upon what Gov.
Hunter would never consent to part with since it
was in his power. And that there was reason to
hope that all Deficiencies of ^{with respect to his agency} ~~Stevenson's~~ ^{Account} would
be made good by the Govern^t. that Col. Bladen
himself was a considerable Creditor ~~but~~ ^{and}
though he might in strictness lay his hand on the
remains of ~~this~~ money so far as it would go,
he would not do it, being sensible of y^r. hardships
and wish'd he could contribute more than by this
certificate towards easing y^r. just demands on Ste-
venson. ^{and} I have left the ~~certificate~~ ^{it} in the hands
of W. Middleton ^{and} ~~for his signing~~ ^{who desires to see how}
W. Stevenson's ^{Account} stands in his Books in Custody of
W. Fern before he signs it, w^{ch} he has promis'd to
do in 2. or 3. days, so that I hope to send it wth
this or by the next ship without fail. ~~after so many~~
~~journeys as I have made about it.~~

I am promis'd out of the War Office an ~~Authentic~~
Copy of Gov^r. Hunter's Warr^t for his Pay from the D. of
Portland's Death the 25th of Aug. 1726. w^{ch} I find is
only

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we ~~that~~ ^{1200. l.} ~~offer~~ had been ~~made~~ ^{offer'd} to her by
May^r. Ashew's ^{bro} and that out of her sisters
had accepted of a ~~guinea~~ ^{guinea} ~~in part~~ as earnest
of 400. l. for her part, but ~~that~~ if we would
give her more she ~~had refused~~ would give
you the refusal. I told her that we should
give as much as any body, and that I had
she would in regard ~~to her relation~~ ^{relation} to her
^{to you} not let it go out of her hands till we had treated
with her ^{for} it. ~~that~~ ~~that~~ ~~W^m Dawkins~~ Accordingly
she promised she would not dispose of it till we had
given her attending & I immediately wrote to W^m.
Dawkins who upon receiving my lett^r came to
town on purpose to serve you, but in the mean
while

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By the publication of
while she sent me a letter by the Perry Post
to let me know that she had been prevailed
upon to sign a contract to dispose of it for 1400. l.
half to be paid down, and the other half a year
hence. ~~W. Dawkins came to Town while she im-~~
~~-gined that~~ you would never give so much, but when
I told her from W. Dawkins that she should not
only have had that sum but all her money
down, & a good pair of gloves beside she
was very unwise, & at her request, and
afterwards called upon me to tell me if she could
by any means finally ~~introduce herself~~ ^{dispose} from the
Bargain she would. After this W. Dawkins had
a conference with the Maj. in hopes of disposing
him to part with his Bargain for a reasonable
consideration but to no purpose as I suppose he
has informed you. W. Dawkins Junr. Town was
very hearty in the affair, and if he had been in
Town when we first met, I believe we should
have prevented Maj. Asher, unless he would have
bid higher than you had allowed us.

As to y^r. Commission nothing can be done here with-
out y^r. coming home and ~~even then~~ to negotiate
an Exch.

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an Exchange with some half Pay Officer, or Lieut.
in a marching Regiment. The 2. Regiment with you
that have suffered so much are now order'd home
to Ireland, and if you had a mind to exchange
with any officer in them, I don't see how it can
be done but by leave here, nor how your interest
can be serv'd by it.

GOD Almighty the refuge of ~~all~~ the ^{distressed} ~~afflicted~~ will
I hope direct you for the best and let what will be
your lot May you ^{never want} ~~have~~ the satisfaction of having
acquitted y^r. self with honour, and of being
cheerfully resign'd to his will, who knows what is
Best for us.

The Marquis Duguesne & his Lady send their humble
Service y^r. He is now every week at Hampton
Court ^{as a young peer} but tells me he has found time in his hurry
to write you a long Let^r. w^{ch} he hopes to send
by this Ship. He and his Lady have lodg'd all
this Summer at Teddington to be near their friends
at Court & in that neighbourhood.

I ~~am~~ am S.^t y^r. most humble Serv^t

H. Newman

P. S. 13. Oct. 1731.

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S^r. W. Middleton having ~~hunted~~ ~~land~~ ~~difficultly~~
desir'd to be excus'd signing the certificate where
Gov^r. Hunter's interest is concern'd unless it be alter'd
so as to make it of no weight at all ^{copy on} I have prevail'd
with W^m. Fern to go to morrow to Lumbury in a chaise
& pair of horses ^{to get} Col. Addey's hand to what Col. Bladen has sign'd
a new, ~~the other of which I have send a copy being~~
~~altered & alter'd but is the same in substance & right~~
I also send a copy. The D. of Lorrain arriv'd this day.

N. B. envelop
The R. of leave of absence dated 30. Sep^r. to 12. m^o. &
Copy of Col. Bladen's certificate 1st sign'd.
Mr. Meary's original ^{copy} as copy'd underneath.
London Journal of 9th. Oct. 1731.
London Evening Post of 12. Oct. 1731.

A Copy of a Lett^r from Rich^d. Meares to Lieut^t. Dodd

London May 4th 1731

J^r.

I having receiv'd a Bill from my Good friend Mr. Newman
for 8. Sterling by y^r. Order Drawn on Mr. Edward Jaffer or Mr.
Abrah. Bravo Merch^t. in Lond. Mr. Jaffer refusing to accept of Bill
I applied to Mr. Bravo & he did y^e. Hon^r. to y^e. drawer as to pay it wth out
any hesitation at all. I understood y^e. Bill for the Cremona
Violin for w^{ch} I return you thanks, I farther understood of y^e. Carl
Carl

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Last y^t you have recd y^e remainder of my Debt from M^r. Francis
Williams & y^t you shall or have already sent me y^e Effects, I am
Extreamly Oblidgd to you & if you please only to poynt out to
me w^t will be most obidg^t to you in my place I shall be glad
of an Opportunity to make suitable returns for y^e Civility recd
By

Y^r most Humble Serv^t
to Command

Rich^d Meares

Exam. by M^r Newman

Y^r
please to Direct to me at
y^e Golden Well in Ludgate Str.
next St Pauls Ch^h Lond.

To Will^m Dodd Esq^r.

Lieut. of the Independ^t.

Comp^d commanded by His Excell^{cy}

Gov^r. Hunter at Jamaica.

London

16. Oct^r. 1731.

I hope this may overtake the
Office, you will find the ^{certificates} differ ^{long} ~~a small matter~~
somewhat from the Copy I sent to you, occasion'd by some
Samples started by W^t. Middleton, for which reason
~~I have~~ to Col. Bladen who therefore cancelled the
other and put it into this form. I am proud
a Copy of the Gov^r. Warr^t. for his personal Pay
from 26. Aug. to 25. Dec^r. 1726. which I hope to
get next week. ~~and send~~ in the meantime I am
Y^r most humble Serv^t
H. N.

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I have herewith cover'd ^{it before a Court} sent. on the
a Lett^r. I rec'd from W^t. Tenn abt. some affair ^{I am}
of his own, ~~which~~ ^{wherein} I doubt not but you will serve
him as far as you can be having shewn a
great readiness to serve you whenever I
apply'd to him. I have likewise cover'd Copies
of the States of y^t. Asst. which he & I gave in
to W^t. Beverton's Excution in order to get the
Certificate, but ~~you will easily imagine why~~
~~his was prefer'd~~ I am

Y^r. most humble Serv^t.

To M^r. Huet Mast^r.
of the French Boarding School
at Hatfield Hertford Sh^r.

H. N.
19th Nov^r. 1731

I have sent enclosed a Lett^r. I rec'd from M^r. Adams in y^e
same Manner I rec'd it y^t you may know y^e Contents of it, to save me
y^e trouble of repeating it, Please to seal it before you deliver it, and
draw upon me for y^e 12. guineas payable to any friend of y^o. in Town
or let me have y^o. directions to send it by y^e Coach & y^o. order shall be
Obed^t

I doubt not of y^o. care to examine y^e Apothecaries Bill & other
Articles y^t are to be p^d. out of y^e 12. guineas w^{ch} M^r. Adams cannot
be a proper Judge of.

My humble Service to y^o. Lady Gall^y & Young Gent. &c

H. N.

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Last of you

Dear Sir

To ~~Lieut.~~ W. M. Dodd Esq.
Lieut. of the Independent Comp.
Commanded by ~~Major~~ His Excell. Gov.
Hunter at Jamaica J.

Best Buildings
8. Nov. 1731.

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My last were of the 9th and 16th of
Oct. which I hope you have recd. I have now
enclos'd what I then promis'd but could not
get till this day by reason of the absence of a Clerk
in the War office who had lock'd it up in his
Scrutoire. I thought it might be of service
to you to know what perhaps the Gov.^r may not
think fit to discover, ~~because~~ ^{for} by this you may
judge of ^{his} strength in case it should come
before a Court Martial. I don't find but all the
Military Gent. I converse with to whom I have
mention'd y^r. case think you will be hardy wth
if you have not all the Perquisites of the Company
from the Death of the D. of Portland to the day
of Gov.^r Hunter's arrival, notwithstanding the date
of his Commission several months before, provided
you ~~kept~~ ^{I kept} the Company as fully recruited ^{as it ought}
to be ~~found~~ ^{found} it. But in regard the Government are very
indulgent to the Officers abroad in the article of Recruiting
because of the Expence and great Mortality they are
liable to, I submit to you whether it would not be better
to

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to avoid if possible bringing y^r. complaint before a Court
Martial, by compounding with the Govern^t. on the
best terms you can. By the Com^d of the Army I am
told the Gov^t. has no right to the Perquisite ~~till he is~~
of the Company but from his arrival, but considering
the Expense of a voyage hither, and the charge of
a Hearing before a Court Martial, perhaps His Ex^{cy}
=cally will be content with a less consideration
than those articles would come to, beside the ^{intervention} ~~interference~~
of ~~in~~ ~~oblivion~~ all the ill natur'd things that will of course
be said on both sides, and the delay that will attend a
prosecution in form. ^{However} But this you are so good a Judge
of that I need only mention it, & leave it to your
consideration.

I have rec^d no more of y^r. Pay from W. Elliot
than what I mention'd in ~~my last~~ ^{of my} ~~letter~~ ^{letter} of the
9th of Oct. ^{which} ~~which~~ y^r. particular Letter to him ^{author^{ty}} ~~to him~~ ^{of}
~~of him~~ ^{him} ~~and~~ to pay, nor do you expect I suppose that
I should call upon him unless the purchase of the Reversion
had succeed^d, in which case neither of the Powers of Attorney
you sent ^{to me} would have enabled me to demand it of him.
But if y^e come home you will receive it y^r. self
& if you don't come I must beg you to lay y^r. commands
on some friend more ^{capable of} ~~able to~~ serve you than I am for
being an Old fellow turn'd of 3. Score I can go little abroad
without a Coach, w^{ch} I'm afraid to put my friends to the charge
of, when my Service of them is not worth it. I am

I rec^d y^r. of 10th July
I made y^r. compl^t to the Mon^g & W. Warr. Harry Newman
Y^r. most humble servant

(56) For M^r Chamberlayne
at Knighton in the M^o
of night.

Madam

Bartlett's Buildings,
18. Dec^r. 1731.

I am affraid of my delay to acknowledge the Recit of y^e. Favour of the 4th of last Month. The Reason of which has been that I have not yet been able to settle the Articles between you & D^r King though I have been twice with him on purpose to do it, & the Shortness of the Days has oblig'd the Coach to call for me before we had half gone thro our Conference, but yesterday he promis'd he would read over the Deed, & do every thing to oblige M^r Chamberlayne that by any Construction he could think reasonable.

M^r Whetham gave me Notice last Quarter Day to leave y^e. House at Xmas by reason of several Inconveniences, as want of a drain to the Kitchen, the Windows of the best Rooms being overlook'd by the Neighbours, the Chimneys all subject to smook &c^o. the D^r at the same time telling me that it was the Way at Chelsea to give Notice every Quarter Day of leaving it the next Quarter & that one of his Tenants had serv'd him so for 2 years past. This was some Consolation, & I still hop'd the D^r would persuade her to stay, but yesterday she told me that the Lady Worcliffe was just now dead & had left a very pretty House facing the River of 28 L per Ann. w. she intended to take; or otherwise she would have stay'd till Lady Day notwithstanding all the Inconveniences. I told her in Justice to you she ought to stay till then after putting you to so much Charge to make the House agreeable, & her Brother told me that if she did not purchase it, she would be a Tenant at least so long as to make it worth while to bestow the Repairs you did. She told me it was with Regret she left it so soon. If Lady Worcliffe had liv'd 6 Months longer in the declining Condition she has been

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She intended not to have left y^e. House, till she could better
herself. She urg'd me to take the Rent for this Quarter, but I refus'd
it leaving it to her Honour to consider whether she could leave the
House till Lady Day. In the mean time M^r. H. tells me the House
she proposes is not so convenient as yours having only a Court instead
of a garden behind it, &c. The house on one side of it & a private
Mad House on the other, beside higher Rent by 10 £ p^a. An. for w^{ch}.
Reasons when she has considered more of it perhaps she may alter
her Mind for one Quarter more, which I shall soon know. In
the mean time I submit to you whether I may not advo-
-cise it to be sold & rid you of the Trouble it will constantly give
you. It will require to be rebuilt in 10. or 15 Years if not before
& that can hardly be worth y^e. while considering what a Drugg
Houses are now at Chelsea.

21. Dec^r. Madam thus far I had wrote to go by the last Post, & finding I
should be to late to overtake the Bellman, I am now to add that all
y^e. Friends at St. James' & Channell Row are well & send their humble
Service to you wishing to see you in London, I paid M^r. Maddox —
£ 19¹ — as you order'd for her Share of Rent for winstone. Mill one year
end. at Michas 1730. M^r. Hoppman has prevail'd with me to be a Solicitor
for Subscriptions to his project, which I have as little opinion of as you
can have, but I could not refuse him, because if I get any thing it will
be so much towards lessening his debt to you. My humble Service to
all the good Ladies of the family you are in, wishing you and them
a merry Christmas and many Happy New Years to succeed. I remain

Madam

y^e. most Humble
Serv^t

Henry Newcome

P.S. I beg leave to refer to
you the enclosed Print
for News.

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To Mrs. Adams
at Bristol.

Bartlett's Buildings
30 Dec^r 1731.

Madam

I am a Shame to find ⁱⁿ y. favour of y. ^{1st} ² ³ ⁴ ⁵ ⁶ ⁷ ⁸ ⁹ ¹⁰ ¹¹ ¹² ¹³ ¹⁴ ¹⁵ ¹⁶ ¹⁷ ¹⁸ ¹⁹ ²⁰ ²¹ ²² ²³ ²⁴ ²⁵ ²⁶ ²⁷ ²⁸ ²⁹ ³⁰ ³¹ ³² ³³ ³⁴ ³⁵ ³⁶ ³⁷ ³⁸ ³⁹ ⁴⁰ ⁴¹ ⁴² ⁴³ ⁴⁴ ⁴⁵ ⁴⁶ ⁴⁷ ⁴⁸ ⁴⁹ ⁵⁰ ⁵¹ ⁵² ⁵³ ⁵⁴ ⁵⁵ ⁵⁶ ⁵⁷ ⁵⁸ ⁵⁹ ⁶⁰ ⁶¹ ⁶² ⁶³ ⁶⁴ ⁶⁵ ⁶⁶ ⁶⁷ ⁶⁸ ⁶⁹ ⁷⁰ ⁷¹ ⁷² ⁷³ ⁷⁴ ⁷⁵ ⁷⁶ ⁷⁷ ⁷⁸ ⁷⁹ ⁸⁰ ⁸¹ ⁸² ⁸³ ⁸⁴ ⁸⁵ ⁸⁶ ⁸⁷ ⁸⁸ ⁸⁹ ⁹⁰ ⁹¹ ⁹² ⁹³ ⁹⁴ ⁹⁵ ⁹⁶ ⁹⁷ ⁹⁸ ⁹⁹ ¹⁰⁰ ¹⁰¹ ¹⁰² ¹⁰³ ¹⁰⁴ ¹⁰⁵ ¹⁰⁶ ¹⁰⁷ ¹⁰⁸ ¹⁰⁹ ¹¹⁰ ¹¹¹ ¹¹² ¹¹³ ¹¹⁴ ¹¹⁵ ¹¹⁶ ¹¹⁷ ¹¹⁸ ¹¹⁹ ¹²⁰ ¹²¹ ¹²² ¹²³ ¹²⁴ ¹²⁵ ¹²⁶ ¹²⁷ ¹²⁸ ¹²⁹ ¹³⁰ ¹³¹ ¹³² ¹³³ ¹³⁴ ¹³⁵ ¹³⁶ ¹³⁷ ¹³⁸ ¹³⁹ ¹⁴⁰ ¹⁴¹ ¹⁴² ¹⁴³ ¹⁴⁴ ¹⁴⁵ ¹⁴⁶ ¹⁴⁷ ¹⁴⁸ ¹⁴⁹ ¹⁵⁰ ¹⁵¹ ¹⁵² ¹⁵³ ¹⁵⁴ ¹⁵⁵ ¹⁵⁶ ¹⁵⁷ ¹⁵⁸ ¹⁵⁹ ¹⁶⁰ ¹⁶¹ ¹⁶² ¹⁶³ ¹⁶⁴ ¹⁶⁵ ¹⁶⁶ ¹⁶⁷ ¹⁶⁸ ¹⁶⁹ ¹⁷⁰ ¹⁷¹ ¹⁷² ¹⁷³ ¹⁷⁴ ¹⁷⁵ ¹⁷⁶ ¹⁷⁷ ¹⁷⁸ ¹⁷⁹ ¹⁸⁰ ¹⁸¹ ¹⁸² ¹⁸³ ¹⁸⁴ ¹⁸⁵ ¹⁸⁶ ¹⁸⁷ ¹⁸⁸ ¹⁸⁹ ¹⁹⁰ ¹⁹¹ ¹⁹² ¹⁹³ ¹⁹⁴ ¹⁹⁵ ¹⁹⁶ ¹⁹⁷ ¹⁹⁸ ¹⁹⁹ ²⁰⁰ ²⁰¹ ²⁰² ²⁰³ ²⁰⁴ ²⁰⁵ ²⁰⁶ ²⁰⁷ ²⁰⁸ ²⁰⁹ ²¹⁰ ²¹¹ ²¹² ²¹³ ²¹⁴ ²¹⁵ ²¹⁶ ²¹⁷ ²¹⁸ ²¹⁹ ²²⁰ ²²¹ ²²² ²²³ ²²⁴ ²²⁵ ²²⁶ ²²⁷ ²²⁸ ²²⁹ ²³⁰ ²³¹ ²³² ²³³ ²³⁴ ²³⁵ ²³⁶ ²³⁷ ²³⁸ ²³⁹ ²⁴⁰ ²⁴¹ ²⁴² ²⁴³ ²⁴⁴ ²⁴⁵ ²⁴⁶ ²⁴⁷ ²⁴⁸ ²⁴⁹ ²⁵⁰ ²⁵¹ ²⁵² ²⁵³ ²⁵⁴ ²⁵⁵ ²⁵⁶ ²⁵⁷ ²⁵⁸ ²⁵⁹ ²⁶⁰ ²⁶¹ ²⁶² ²⁶³ ²⁶⁴ ²⁶⁵ ²⁶⁶ 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capable of Bookeeping he designs to put him to it, This was the Substance of our conference which he will more fully explain when he answers yo^r Letter.

I was surprized at the Extravagant Present you have made to me in regard to my poor Services to you & yo^r Son, to whom I shall always be indebted as you ^{are made} so nearly related to my late Dear Friend M^r Shute who laid me under so many obligacions as I can never ans^r. to his Relations, and therefore I must desire you not to think of conferring any more such favours on him who is

To the Hon^{ble}
Comadore Lestock
at Portsmouth
S^r

Madam
yo^r already most obliged
Humble Serv^t

H. N.
Basket^r Buildings
London. 30. Dec^r. 1731.

The Honour of my acquaintance with you about 30. year ago on board the Exeter embolden me to recommend the writer of the enclosed Letter to your Protection & favour ^{in granting him his Desire.} ~~if you have room for him.~~ I have known him sometime as under Clerk to S^t. W^m. Billers & afterwards he serv^d me in the same capacity, but want of Knowledge in Languages oblig^d me to part with him. I can't say but that I always found him honest, and faithfull in what I trusted him with, and he is naturally healthy & strong, by w^h qualities, I hope, he may always merit yo^r favour, ^{if he may be so happy as to be employ^d} under yo^r command. I wish you a happy new year & many w^h. ^{a prosperous voyage being S^t. W^m.}

The said advertisement is now abt. 21. years of age and if you accept of it ~~it will~~ it will suit you when ever you please to employ him.

To the Hon^{ble}
Com^{dore} Festock
at Portsmouth

Bartlets Building,
London 13. Jan. 4 1731/32.

Hon^d Sir

I took the Liberty of troubling you with
a Letter the 30.th of last Month in behalf of Sam. Howell
a young, strong, healthy Lad, who is desirous to seek his
fortune as a Volunteer on board a Man of War, & wishes
he may be so happy as to serve under yo^r Command. I then
sent you a Specimen of his writing, w^{ch} perhaps might
recomend him, & sent it to the Admiralty to be forwarded
hank to you by good Mr Corbet, but fearing by yo^r Silence
y^t it may have miscarry'd I give you the trouble of this,
and to cover this Maties Most Gracious Speech of this day,
assuring you y^t I shall wth great pleasure embrace any
occasion to give you proofs of being

P.S.

When you favour me with an
Answer I shal be glad to know
when you expect to set out for
Jamaica?

S^r yo^r most Obed^t
Humble Serv^t
H. N.

To the Hon^{ble}
Comadore Lestock
Hon^r. J^r.

Partlet's Buildings, (6)
7. March. 1731/32.

I heartily congratulate you on the ~~re-~~
~~val~~ of Commission the S^rs of the Admiralty have thought
fit to confer on you, and ~~doubt not but~~ wish you
may ^{properly} wear the honour of it till y^e. merit ^{raises} ~~entitles~~
you to a ~~further~~ ^{Higher} Station.

While you was at Portsmouth, I had the honour of a
kind Letter from you ^{in answer} relating to the Beaver Sam. Howell
who still desires to serve under y^r. Command, and hopes
upon the ~~change~~ alteration that has since happened he may
~~not be out of~~ ^{begin} time to be admitted to that favour, in
granting which you will very much oblige

Sir Y^r. most Obed^t.

Humble Serv^t.

For M^r. Chamberlayn at
Knighton in the Isle of Wight.

Madam

H. N.
Part. Buildings,

14. March. 1731/32.

I took care to get the enclosed form at least 6 Weeks ago of a South Sea
Clock, as what the Accountant M^r. Lockyer will expect before he can pay the Six p Cent
on your 700. Interest in South Sea Stock and thought I had sent it to you to which I
daily expected your answer till M^r. Betty Watkins told me you would or did not
hear from me, which put me upon examining when I last wrote and discovered my
forgetfulness which I beg your pardon for, having lived in a continual hurry for

about two

about two Months past to buy necessities for a Missionary sent to Fort St. George
by the Society shipping of him and one of my young Men in the D. of Lornian
join'd with our Anniversary Meeting &c. But this being thank God over.
I went yesterday to enquire after your affairs at Chelsea where I found Mrs.
Whitham gone a visiting and so I have not rec'd. your Rent for the Quarter
ending at Xmas when she left your house and removed as I told you my last
told you to Lady Moreliffe's facing the River. I own I am not a little concerned
that I recommended her to you, and I believe her Brother the Commissioner of
Excise is ashamed to see me for recommending her to me, on which Acc^t. you
have been put to more Expence in Repairs than all her Rent will pay. Tho:
her Brother assured me that she could not stay less in the House (tho' she con-
-tracted for a year only) than what would much more than make amends for the
Repairs if she did not become a purchaser as she would if she liked the House.
But now we are to look forward. There is a Bill on the House to be let or sold and
Several have called to see it as D. King and his maid tells me but some complain
of the Rent being too high others that there wants a Drain to the Kitchen &c.
I have desired D. King's Maid to employ some poor woman to sweep it out
from top to bottom. It being now the time that people will be calling to see it,
and with your leave I will advertise it as formerly in some of the Daily
Papers. I proposed to sell it for 15. years purchase allowing 18. [£] Ann: to be the
Rent but if I can't get that what think you of 14. rather than lose an
opportunity of selling it for the longer it stands empty the worse it will be
either to sell or let. I can't say but Mr. Whitham has left it in good Order
except 3. or 4. Quarrys of Glass Breaks which I shall expect her to pay for
unless it appears to have been done since she left the House

D. King having misstend the Acc^t. of Repairs in dispute between you and
him we could not settle that affair but I read the Clause of your Deed to him
and he does

and he does not deny the reasonableness of it, but then says his Workman with whom he agreed by the Great ought to make it good, so this is to be settled at one the Conference. I told him of the Article of 7. for carrying out the Rubbish which he blames his Workman for. I lately put Mr. Heppman in mind of his obligation, but could get only the usual Answer, that he always intends to do you Justice, and that you should be the first satisfied, but when he could not say.

I paid in January last your half years Interest on £700. at 4. p. Cent to Michmas being 14. Pound, and your Interest on the East India Bond being 11. due at Michmas last but I have not yet recd your Dividend for a year at Xmas last on £282. I. S. Stock expecting your orders daily about the Application of the Six p. Cent and to receive both together but now I find I have been the occasion of your delaying those Orders by not sending the enclosed for which I again ask your pardon being

Madam

Your most obed. Serv.

H. N.

Mr. Maddox and Mr. Evans and her husband were well last Sunday when we drank yours and the Ladies health at Knighton.

I am glad to send 2. more Books to you from Mr. Brown to complete at 8. Vol. in Exchange for Rowntree and have forgot whether I sent to you the Travels of Cyrus w. are very entertaining in 2. Vol. Fr: on one side and Eng: on the other, I know I had 'em but whether I sent 'em to you, or my Young East Indian extorted from me I have forgot but if I have sent 'em I will get Mr. Addison's Travels to Italy or something equivalent to be sent in Mr. Watkins parcel which she is sending to you and hope at the same time to send you a little Tract of Mr. Paul Dudley's agst Popery printed in New England and is now reprinting here for the Ingenuity of it.

My humble Service attends the Ladies with you from

Madam

Your most obed. Serv.

The King goes to Hanover
this Summer and Mr. Evans intends to take
his Son with him if his Majesty permits it.

H. N.

(64) To Mrs Chamberlayne at
Knightsen in the Isle of Wight.
Madam,

Bartlett's Buildings
13. April 1732.

I receiv'd your favour of the 25.th of last Month, and according to your Orders enclosed therein have rec'd on your Acco.^t at the J. S. House as follows. Viz.

Annihilation of 6. $\frac{1}{2}$ C.^t on 700. £ of S. Sea Annuity } to S. S.
Stock from Christmas last. } 424-00

A Years Dividend on 282. £ South Sea Stock due } 11⁰ 5⁶
at Christmas last. }

Making in all 53⁰ 5⁶.

I shall according to your order buy as much S. S. Annuity Stock as will make up the 700. £ again, as soon as the Books are opened which will not be till the 25. Curr.^t The Years Dividend above mentioned I thought had been for 'a Year' till I came to look on your Note, the last Rec.^t preceeding this being but for $\frac{1}{2}$ a year. I should have returned the enclosed blank Note in my last, but to tell you the truth, I forgot it till my Letter was gone, it being fit that you should be satisfied in the cancelling of it.

I have sent to Mr. Watkins to be cover'd in her parcel to you.

Mr. Addison's Travels, and S.^r Richard Steele's Letter and Reader for the two Books owing to you from Mr. Brown, if the last of them be not agreeable pray return it and it shall be changed, for I own to you I did not like it my self, but the hast of embracing the opportunity of sending it oblig'd me to send that or delay it to another opportunity when I was afraid it might be forgot.

I have not yet any good News to tell you from Chelsea but shall be glad to send you some as soon as I can.

W. Hoppman

Mr. Hoppman call'd on me latter Day to tell me if I would
lend him 50. he would give me a good Tradesman's Note payable in
6. Weeks for 100. in part of his Bond to you.

I told him if that Tradesman was a known responsible Man
I would accept his offer, but otherwise I could not do it without your
leave for fear of accidents, He told me he was a very responsible
Man, but one whose Character must not be publickly enquired
after for fear of hurting it, upon which I plainly told him I could
not accept his offer. He then offered me to pay part or all his
Debt to you in five Bill Cuts at the rate of 10/6 ^{per} Doz, and
to leave me a Specimen to send to you of 2. Dozen engraved by
the ablest hands now in London Those I have seen I own to you
are very fine on a strong Folio Paper, and if you can get any
of your Neighbours to take them at the same rate he sells them
to you, perhaps it may be advisable to ease him of some Setts
to lessen his debt, but I told him I must wait your order before
I could answer him.

He is now engaged in another project for making artificial
Stone Urns, and figures for Gentlemen's Gardens at a far less
price than Lead.

I had almost forget to mention a Book of Judge Duncays in
New England, lately reprinted here which you are desired
to accept of on condition you will excuse the Distinops of it
It is

(66)
It is esteem'd so here that it was borrow'd out of my hands by
3. or 4. People before I could send it to you.

The Parliam^t. is expected will rise the beginning of
next Month. I am glad you are not concern'd in the Charitable
Corporation, at least I don't know that you are. Many peo-
ple will suffer as irrecoverably as others did in the Sea,
1720. but what the parliam^t. will do with them is not yet
determin'd. My humble Service to the Ladies

from Madam Your most humble Serv^t.
H. N.
Mr^s Whitham has paid
me to Christmas last for one
Year only: 18. l. Deducting the Kings Tax.
To the Rev^d. S^r. King at Chelsea.

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I am prevented the pleasure of waiting on you as I intended this Day, by a
Friend that obliges me to wait on him into Hertfordshire, I shall God willing
return in 2. or 3. Days and hope next week to wait on you to finish Mr^s Cham-
berlaynes Affair.

Pray consider with your self whether it may not be for your Interest
to purchase Mr^s Chamberlaynes house at the next your next Door at so cheap a
Rate as you may have it, the contiguity of both houses making it convenient
that they should have one Proprietor and the situation of them will make
them always preferable to some other houses that are vacant. I am

Rev^d. S^r. Your most hble Servant
H. N.

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